

LOUISIANA TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS FUND – SEMI ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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I DEPARTMENT/AGENCY

Comprehensive Public Training Program

II PROJECT TITLE

Implementation of Statewide Learning Management System

III PROJECT LEADER

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IV DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

Implementation of Pathlore's Learning Management System (LMS) to provide CPTP with the tools needed to expand its current mission of administering the state-funded training program offering management development, supervisory training and general application classes and begin to align learning initiatives with business objectives.

V PROJECT STATUS

A. Brief Summary

The contractor tasks for the implementation of phases 1 and 2 of the project are complete. The last task to complete Phase 2, implementation statewide to all CPTP training coordinators, is the only task incomplete.

B. Accomplishments

Phase 1 - The LMS software was installed on the test and production servers. The data from the Registrar database was converted to the LMS SQL database. The interface with the Civil Service database was completed, with data being updated on a weekly basis. The student Web interface was designed and implemented.

Phase 2 – LMS access established for department training administrators to include all functions except create rights. Security profiles were created, and partitioning was defined to keep one department's records separate from another's. Training was conducted for selected department training administrators (DEQ and DOTD). Installed an upgrade to the LMS software, and tuned the Web interface for faster processing. CPTP administration is using the LMS, as is DEQ. System is ready for statewide use.

C. Problems Encountered/Action Taken or Planned

Some problems arose with the loading of the SQL database, but were quickly solved.

It was discovered that the SQL server backup routine was not running nightly, as thought. Changes were made to assure that a backup is run each night.

Pathlore set up the import utility and schedule to run the NETG training course usage data monthly. However, there are problems with the data coming from NETG. This is not a vital part of the process and is being addressed. Once the data is certified by CPTP as being correct, the import will be scheduled to run on the fifteenth of every month. We receive cumulative data, as well as data for the previous month in separate files. The first import will be done with the cumulative data and from then on will be run with the previous month's data only.

Web interface, to be used by CPTP coordinators, ran too slowly. An upgrade of the software was installed and a table search eliminated and the processing speed is at an acceptable level.

VI COST VS. BUDGET

	<u>Category</u>	<u>Budgeted</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Projected Surplus</u>
A.	Software	\$33,400	\$11,000	0
B.	Professional/Contract Services	\$339,600	\$186,680	\$50,920
C.	Other Costs	\$13,000		
	Total Project Cost	<u><u>\$386,000</u></u>	<u><u>\$197,680</u></u>	<u><u>\$50,920</u></u>

VII ITEMIZED EXPENSES AND FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS INCURRED DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD

Consulting Services: